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REMARKS			

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1. On 22 July 1953, the quarters of Unit I, Doeberitz, were occupied by about 1,000 to 1,100 troops. On 21 July, T-34/85 [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] were seen in the quartering area. On 22 July, three trucks [redacted] left the installation toward Berlin. On 24 July, about 500 troops, 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 4 x 57-mm AT guns,

25X1 2 x 120-mm mortars and trucks [redacted] were seen leaving the quartering area toward the training area.

25X1 2. On 22 July, the quarters of Unit II in Doeberitz were occupied by about 940 troops. JS-3 tanks [redacted] and soldiers engaged in the cleaning of weapons were seen in the installation.

25X1 3. On 22 July, six BA-64 armored scout cars [redacted] left the Adler Kaserne toward the training area.

25X1 4. On 23 July, 8 T-34/85 tanks, 2 JS-3 tanks and armored scout car [redacted] were in Neues Lager. At about 8 p.m., 8 armored scout cars [redacted] and 6 personnel carriers with 76.2-mm guns went to the training area, coming from the direction of Finkenkrug. At about 4 p.m., 300 engineers were seen marching to the Till Eulenspiegel settlement. 1

25X1 5. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 23 July, 18 x 76.2-mm guns and 25 trucks,

25X1 [redacted] were entrained at the Dallgow railroad station and left toward Jueterbog. At about 12:30 p.m., 12 x 120-mm mortars and 20 trucks [redacted] were

25X1 entrained at the Dallgow railroad station.

25X1 6. On 24 July, 6 rocket launchers [redacted] and 8 trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Dallgow railroad station. Ambulance [redacted] and 3 trucks, which [redacted] were loaded with ammunition, were at the loading ramp. Eight boxcars were loaded with troops which, according to a local resident, had come from Krampnitz. The shipment left toward Gera. 2

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7. At 8 a.m. on 23 July, a train of about 40 railroad cars, including about 30 boxcars loaded with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and about 10 flatcars with sideracks carrying 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 1 x 85-mm or 100-mm AT gun; 6 to 8 mortars, several half-track vehicles and trucks [redacted] and without engine, was seen at the Kremmen railroad station.

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8. On 9 July, construction work in Neukloster was discontinued. On 13 July, a column of 35 trucks of the construction unit left Neukloster toward Buetzow. The unit carried baggage. On 14 July, construction work in Klein Warin was also discontinued.⁴

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9. At 1:35 p.m. on 9 July, a shipment of about 20 trucks, 3 x 132-mm rocket launchers and about 15 AT guns passed through Oranienburg, proceeding toward Loewenberg.⁵

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10. Between 18 and 22 July, Templin was not occupied by troops. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to [redacted] and from the camp. Little vehicular traffic was observed. It was rumored that, between 1 and 10 July, Camp Kannenburg had been vacated.⁶

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11. At about noon on 23 July, 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, about 30 trucks and 9 boxcars were unloaded at the Zehdenick railroad station.

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12. At 5 p.m. on 21 July, 15 x 37-mm AA guns, 60 trucks [redacted] and 20 boxcarloads of troops were entrained in Bernau. On 15 July, a shipment of 20 tanks passed through Birkenwerder, proceeding toward Oranienburg.

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13. On 22 July, a train of 20 flatcars with sideracks and 5 boxcars, carrying 50 about 150-mm guns, coming from [redacted] Jessen on the Elster River and bound for [redacted] Fuerstenwalde, was unloaded at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station.⁷

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14. At about 10 a.m. on 22 July, 8 trucks occupied by troops and 4 sedans occupied by officers were seen entering the Fritsch Kaserne in Schwerin, coming from the direction of Wismar.

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- [redacted] 15. On 15 and 16 July, 4 T-34 tanks [redacted] and trucks, [redacted] arrived in Zechlin, according to local residents. 10

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- [redacted] 16. At about 9 a.m. on 24 July, T-34 tanks [redacted] were detrained in Kirchmoeser. At about 8 p.m. on 24 July, a train of 6 boxcars, occupied by about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and flatcars, carrying 4 trucks towing 4 guns, passed through Magdeburg, proceeding toward Berlin-Kirchmoeser. 11

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- [redacted] 17. [redacted] on 17 July, the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg was occupied to capacity. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in the town.

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- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Compare with similar observations [redacted] on 16 July. [redacted] The units of the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the 1st Mecz Div entrained on 7 July apparently had returned from Jerichow by 23 July.

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- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the loadings involved units of the 1st Mecz Div which probably continued their firing practices in Jueterbog. The entrained units included units of the 41st RL Bn (US) of the division and thus confirm the battalion in Doeberitz until 24 July.

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- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the troops detrained on 23 July are believed to be artillery units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, which possibly returned from Altengrabow where, according to reports on transportation, two trains from Templin had gone on 10 and 11 July. On the other hand, it is not impossible that the detrained troops were units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, which may have come from the Eberswalde and Bernau posts. Information in paragraph 7 of the present report, however, supports the first mentioned version. [redacted] Comment 7. The materiel which, according to information in paragraph 11, was observed on the same day, allegedly ready for entraining, belonged to the same division [redacted]. [redacted] These elements possibly had also been detrained or else had later been entrained for Altengrabow.

- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. Construction work, allegedly on a camp, had been under way in the Neukloster-Klein Warin area. [redacted] nine storage brick buildings were scheduled to be completed by mid-August and that construction work would be performed exclusively by Soviet troops.

- 25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. Possibly a shipment of artillery units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, which transferred to Templin. [redacted] unloading in Templin of a train which, however, had a different load. [redacted]

- 25X1 6. [redacted] Comment. Units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army presumably held exercises at the training area between 18 and 22 July, so that, during this period, the camps appeared to be vacant. [redacted]

- 25X1 [redacted] The evacuation of Camp Kannenburg appears credible, as the units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div carried there were believed

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to have been at their posts on 10 July, and equipment of the division has continually been shipped away from Hammelspring.

- 25X1 7. [Comment] Although the SS Brieftaubenstation in Bernau had allegedly
25X1 been vacated on 5 July and the units of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th
25X1 Gds Mecz Div, therefore, had possibly left, it is probable that the units
25X1 entrained on 21 July belonged to this regiment. According to reports on
25X1 transportation, the shipment went to Jueterbog.
25X1 [The train on 15 July probably carried units of the 12th
Gds Tank Div from the Berlin area to Neuruppin.]
- 25X1 8. [Comment] [the office of the commander
25X1 of the artillery with the headquarters of the GOFG.]
- 25X1 9. [Comment] [Third Shock Army, presumably the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. Guns
25X1 of the caliber mentioned, presumably howitzers, have not been observed in the
Fritsch Kaserne so far.]
- 25X1 10. [Comment] The trucks of the tank detail [arrived at the Wittstock
25X1 troop training grounds.]
- 25X1 11. [Comment] The shipment presumably came from the Altengrabow troop
25X1 training grounds.
- 25X1 12. [Comment] The information that the Panzer Kaserne was occupied to
25X1 capacity tends to indicate that the units of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the
Second Gds Mecz Army which, in early July, had left for exercises in the
25X1 Jerichow area, had returned by 17 July.
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